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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS' TALKS

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1. MFA PROPOSAL FOR JAPANESE PRESENTATION ON SIBERIAN
DEVELOPMENT CAN BE ADAPTED TO OUR PLANS FOR THE AIRLIE
HOUSE DISCUSSIONS WITH MINIMUM ADJUSTMENTS. SINCE JAPANESE
PLAN TO USE TWO SESSIONS, WE PROPOSE TO DIVIDE THEIR
PRESENTATION BETWEEN SECOND AND FOURTH SESSIONS. AS NOW
ENVISIONED THE FORMAT FOR THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE AS
FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST SESSION - SOVIET DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN SIBERIA
CHAIRMAN: WILLIAM LUERS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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SPEAKERS: THEODORE SHABAD, NEW YORK TIMES, ALLEN WHITING,
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

B. SECOND SESSION - SOVIET PLANS FOR SIBERIAN ENERGY,
TRANSPORTATION, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (JAPANESE
PERSPECTIVE)

PART I OF THE PROPOSED JAPANESE PAPER

C. THIRD SESSION - SOVIET PLANS FOR SIBERIAN ENERGY,
TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AMERICAN PERSPECT-
IVE) - -

CHAIRMAN: PAUL COOK, DIRECTOR, INR/RSE

SPEAKERS: TOM ROBINSON, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY

JOHN ECKLAND, USG

D. FOURTH SESSION - JAPAN-US COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN
DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRMAN: JAPANESE (PART II OF JAPANESE PAPER)

SPEAKER: HERTA HEISS, US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

2. IF JAPANESE AGREE, THIS ORDER WILL ALLOW US EXPERTS
TO, IN EFFECT, RESPOND TO THEIR PRESENTATION AND COVER
ANY AREAS WHICH MAY NEED ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION. IT WOULD
ALSO HAVE PRACTICAL BENEFIT OF ALLOWING JAPANESE TO
PREPARE THEIR PRESENTATIONS AS SELF CONTAINED UNITS.
Q & A PERIOD ENVISIONED AS A PART OF EACH SESSION WILL
ALLOW TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF TOPICS NOT COVERED IN THE
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FORMAL PRESENTATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE JAPANESE
RESPONSE TO THIS SUGGESTION SOONEST SO WE CAN BRIEF US
SPEAKERS.

3. IF JAPANESE HAVE THEIR PAPER READY IN TIME, WE WOULD
OF COURSE APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN ADVANCE COPY. SINCE US
PAPERS ARE BEING DONE OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, IT IS DOUBT-
FUL THEY WILL BE READY IN TIME TO FORWARD TO TOKYO.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE ARE AT THE POINT WHERE WE NEED TO KNOW
THE EXACT NUMBER OF JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS, NAME AND RANK
OF THE DELEGATION LEADER AND WHETHER ACADEMIC OR OTHER
NON-GOVERNMENTAL JAPANESE EXPERTS WILL ATTEND. IT WOULD
ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW NAME OF EMBASSY TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE.

5. WE VIEW THE AIRLIE PORTION OF THIS MEETING PRIMARILY
AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS AND
PROSPECTS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT SO THAT BOTH SIDES WILL
BE BETTER INFORMED. ALTHOUGH WE WILL BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS THE STATUS OF US FIRMS PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS
PROJECTS, WE DO NOT ENVISION THE CONFERENCE AS AN OCCASION

TO REVIEW US POLICY OR TO ARRIVE AT A JOINT US-JAPANESE

POLICY TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. TO
PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING YOU MAY WISH TO SO INFORM
THE JAPANESE.

6. FOR MOSCOW: EUR/EX WILL SEND AMENDMENT TO LIN
STARBIRD'S ORDERS SO HE MAY ATTEND. CHRISTOPHER

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